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Temperatures at 0900 this morning were -12 in Kuybyshev, -9 in Nar'yan-Mar, -8 in Arkhangel'sk and Murmansk, -7 in Kirov and Syktyvkar, -5 in Saratov, -4 in Smolensk, Riga, and Leningrad, -2 in Minsk, -1 in Gor'kiy and Stalingrad, zero in Kaliningrad, L'vov, Rostov, and Voronezh, 1 degree above zero in Kiev, 4 degrees in Odessa, 7 in Sochi, and 8 in Yalta.

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 2 degrees below zero; it was also 2 degrees below zero at noon today.(1)

Temperatures yesterday morning were -13 on Dikson Island, -8 in Moscow, Murmansk, and Arkhangel'sk, -7 in Gor'kiy, -6 in Tallin, -3 in Sverdlovsk, -1 in Stalingrad and Riga, zero in Minsk, 1 degree above zero in Odessa, and 9 degrees in Sochi.

Yesterday's temperatures in Leningrad were 4 degrees below zero both during the morning and at noon.(2)

#### 5 December

[No working reports were published on this day]

#### 6 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 3 degrees below zero; it was 1 degree above zero at noon today.(1)

#### 7 December

Yesterday's temperatures in Leningrad were 2 degrees during the morning, 3 degrees at noon.(2)

#### 8 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 1 degree below zero; it was 1 degree above zero at noon today.(1)

Temperatures yesterday morning were -15 degrees in Nar'yan-Mar, -13 on Dikson Island, -12 in Murmansk, -3 in Tallin, zero in Kirov, 2 degrees above zero in Moscow and Riga, 3 degrees in Minsk, Stalingrad, Kiev, and Odessa, 6 in Yalta, 9 in Ashkhabad, and 10 in Sochi.

Yesterday's temperatures in Leningrad were 3 degrees below zero both during the morning and at noon.(2)

#### 9 December

Temperatures yesterday morning were -17 degrees in Nar'yan-Mar, -13 in Murmansk, -11 in Arkhangel'sk, -2 in Moscow, 1 degree above zero in Riga and Kiev, 3 degrees in Odessa and Tashkent, 5 in Stalingrad, 7 in Yalta and Ashkhabad, and 11 in Sochi.

Yesterday's temperature in Leningrad were 3 degrees below zero during the morning, 2 degrees below zero during the day.(2)

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10 December

This morning, warm, cloudy, windy weather continued in most of the European USSR. Rain fell in the western regions and snow in the northeastern and eastern regions. Light frosts occurred on Kola Peninsula and in northeastern Komi ASSR.

Temperatures at 0900 this morning were -16 in Nar'yan-Mar, -12 in Murmansk, -7 in Kuybyshev, -3 in Chkalov and Saratov, -1 in Kirov, Molotov, and Stalingrad, zero in Syktyvkar, 1 degree above zero in Arkhangel'sk, Vologda, and Gor'kiy, 2 degrees in Voronezh and Rostov, 3 in Leningrad, Riga, and Smolensk, 4 in Astrakhan', 6 in L'vov, 8 in Odessa, and 9 in Yalta and Sochi.

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was zero; it was 2 degrees above zero at noon today.(1)

11 December

This morning, colder weather accompanied by snowfall was observed on Kola Peninsula, in the Karelo-Finnish SSR, and in the northwestern regions of the European USSR. Warm, cloudy weather prevailed in the rest of the European USSR; rain fell in the southern half, snow in Komi ASSR.

Temperatures at 0900 this morning were -13 degrees in Murmansk, -3 in Leningrad, -2 in Kazan', -1 in Minsk, zero in Riga, Stalingrad, and Smolensk, 1 degree above zero in Arkhangel'sk, Syktyvkar, Vologda, Kiev, and Orel, 2 degrees in Gor'kiy and Pyshtigorsk, 3 degrees in Odessa, 5 in Khar'kov, 7 in Rostov, 12 in Yalta, and 13 in Sochi.

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was zero; it was 1 degree above zero at noon today.(1)

Temperatures yesterday morning were -26 on Dikson Island, -12 in Novosibirsk, -10 in Murmansk, -1 in Sverdlovsk, 2 degrees above zero in Riga and Tallin, 3 in Moscow, 5 in Kiev, 10 in Yalta, and 11 in Ashkhabad.

Yesterday's temperatures in Leningrad were 3 degrees above zero during both the morning and day.(2)

12 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 5 degrees below zero; it was also 5 below at noon today.(1)

On 11 December, cloudy weather with clearing was observed in the Estonian SSR. Brief snowfalls occurred generally throughout the republic. The prevailing northerly winds were of moderate velocity.(3)

13 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 8 degrees below zero; it was 7 degrees below zero at noon today.(1)

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Temperatures yesterday morning were -24 on Dikson Island, -8 in Murmansk, -5 in Moscow, -1 in Odessa, Riga, and Chkalov, zero in Gor'kiy, 5 degrees above zero in Yalta, 8 in Ashkhabad, and 14 in Sochi.

Yesterday's temperatures in Leningrad were 9 degrees below zero during the morning, 7 below during the day.(2)

14 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 7 degrees below zero; it was 4 degrees below zero at noon today.(1)

Yesterday's temperatures in Leningrad were 1 degree below zero during the morning, 5 degrees below zero during the day.(2)

15 December

The warmer weather which had set in in the Karelo-Finnish SSR has spread to Arkhangel'sk Oblast. The warmer weather is being accompanied by strong winds, snowfalls, and local snowstorms. Strong winds were also recorded in the extreme southern Ukraine, Rostov Oblast, and the Crimea, where the weather was cloudy and cold.

Temperatures at 0900 this morning were -19 in Sverdlovsk, -16 in Kazan', -13 in Kuybyshev and Kirov, -12 in Kursk and Voronezh, -10 in Minsk and Saratov, -9 in L'vov, -8 in Gor'kiy, -7 in Smolensk, Rostov, and Stalingrad, -6 in Odessa, -4 in Kiev, Simferopol', Chkalov, and Arkhangel'sk, -2 in Murmansk and Leningrad, zero in Riga, and 2 degrees above zero in Tallin.

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 4 degrees below zero; it was also 4 degrees below zero at noon today.(1)

Yesterday's temperature in Leningrad was 12 degrees below zero.(2)

16 December

Temperatures this morning were -19 degrees on Dikson Island and in Sverdlovsk, -4 in Kiev, -3 in Moscow, -2 in Murmansk, zero in Riga, 1 degree above zero in Sochi, 2 degrees in Tallin, and 12 in Ashkhabad.

Yesterday's temperatures in Leningrad were 3 degrees below zero during the morning, 1 degree below zero during the day.(2)

17 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 5 degrees below zero; it was also 5 degrees below zero at noon today.(1)

18 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 7 degrees below zero; it was 4 degrees below zero at noon today.(1)

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19 December

This morning, overcast weather continued in most of the European USSR. It was slightly cloudy in Belorussia, the Lower Volga Region, and the North Caucasus. Light snowfalls were observed in Arkhangel'sk Oblast, locally in the Karelo-Finnish SSR, in Molotov Oblast, and in Bashkir ASSR. Light rains fell locally in the Baltic countries.

Temperatures at 0900 this morning were -22 in Nar'yan-Mar, -17 in Saratov and Chkalov, -16 in Stalingrad, -9 in Vologda, Syktyvkar, and Molotov, -8 in Smolensk and Rostov, -7 in Khar'kov, Kirov, Kuybyshev, and Krasnodar, -6 in Arkhangel'sk, Kiev, Gor'kiy, and Stavropol', -4 in Murmansk, Minsk, L'vov, Odessa, and Kazan', 1 degree above zero in Leningrad and Riga, 5 in Yalta, and 6 in Sochi.

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 7 degrees below zero; it was also 7 degrees below zero at noon today.(1)

Yesterday's temperatures in Leningrad were 7 degrees below zero during the morning, 4 degrees below zero during the day.(2)

20 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 6 degrees below zero; it was 2 degrees below zero at noon today.(1)

21 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was zero; it was 1 degree above zero at noon today.(1)

Yesterday's temperatures in Leningrad were 2 degrees above zero during both the morning and day.(2)

22 December

This morning, warm, mostly cloudy weather continued in most of the European USSR. Precipitation was recorded locally. Light frosts occurred only in the extreme eastern regions of the European USSR. Snow fell locally in the Lower Volga Region and in the North Caucasus.

Temperatures at 0900 this morning were -8 in Chkalov, -6 in Astrakhan', -5 in Krasnodar, -4 in Murmansk, -3 in Kuybyshev and Rostov, -2 in Kirov, Voronezh, and Stalingrad, -1 in Odessa, zero in Arkhangel'sk, Leningrad, Gor'kiy, Minsk, L'vov, and Yalta, 1 degree above zero in Riga, 2 in Kiev, and 4 in Sochi.

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was zero; it was 1 degree above zero at noon today.(1)

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Yesterday's temperatures in Leningrad were zero during the morning, 1 degree above zero during the day.(2)

In Osh the weather is clear and warm, but in the Pamirs snowstorms are raging and temperatures drop to 40 degrees below zero.(3)

24 December

No weather reports were published on this day/

25 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 1 degree above zero; it was also 1 degree above zero at noon today.(1)

26 December

This morning, warm, cloudy weather without precipitation prevailed in most of the European USSR. On Kola Peninsula and in the Baltic countries, it was overcast; precipitation and strong winds were recorded locally. With clearing skies, temperatures dropped from 4 to 9 degrees below zero in Belorussia and the western Ukraine.

Temperatures at 0900 this morning were -7 degrees in Minsk, -5 in Stavropol', -4 in Kuybyshev, -3 in Voronezh and Nar'yan-Mar, -2 in Vil'nyus and L'vov, -1 in Stalino and Kirov, zero in Leningrad, Poltava, and Gor'kiy, 1 degree above zero in Tallin, Kishinev, and Arkhangel'sk, 2 degrees in Kiev and Murmansk, 3 in Yalta, and 4 in Sochi.

Temperatures in Moscow last night and at noon today were 2 degrees below zero.(1)

27 December

This morning, warm weather continued in most of the European USSR. Light rains fell locally on Kola Peninsula and in the Baltic countries. In Komi ASSR, precipitation fell in the form of snow and rain.

Temperatures at 0900 this morning were -7 in Kuybyshev, -6 in Kazan', -4 in Vologda, -3 in Minsk, Stalingrad, and Pyatigorsk, -2 in Sverdlovsk, -1 in Saratov, zero in Murmansk, Leningrad, Smolensk, Orel, and Gor'kiy, 1 degree above zero in Arkhangel'sk, Ust'Tsil'ma, Kiev, Voronezh, and Khar'kov, 2 degrees in Tallin and Riga, 4 in Sochi, 5 in Yalta, and 6 in Odessa.

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 5 degrees below zero; it was 1 degree above zero at noon today.(1)

Yesterday's temperatures in Leningrad were zero during the morning, 1 degree above zero during the day.(2)

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28 December

This morning, warm, cloudy weather continued in most of the European USSR. Snow was recorded locally in Komi ASSR, on Kola Peninsula, and in Yaroslavl', Kostroma, and Molotov oblasts.

Temperatures at 0900 this morning were -7 in Saratov, -6 in Chkalov -5 in Murmansk, -4 in Nar'yan-Mar, -3 in Molotov, -2 in Ufa, Kuybyshev, Krasnodar, Syktyvkar, and Vronesh, -1 in Smolensk, Minsk, Khar'kov, and Rostov, zero in Arkhangel'sk and Kirov, 1 degree above zero in Riga, Leningrad, and Kiev, 4 degrees in Yalta, and 6 in Odessa.

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 1 degree above zero; it was also 1 degree above zero at noon today.(1)

Since 26 November, unusually warm weather for this time of year has prevailed in Moscow and the central regions of the country.

Usually, the mean diurnal temperature for December in Moscow is about 7-8 degrees below zero, with temperatures dropping to 25-30 degrees below zero on some days. This year, the mean diurnal temperature for December was above normal. During the first and third 10-day periods of the month, it was 8-9 degrees above normal.

Such a protracted warm period is an extremely rare occurrence for this time of year. Usually warm periods in December are of brief duration. On 6 December 1898, the temperature rose to 7.7 degrees above zero; on 18 December 1886, it rose to 5.3 degrees above zero.

The high temperatures are due to the inflow of warm air from the Atlantic Ocean over the European USSR and West Siberia. The temperature of the Atlantic at this time is about 10-15 degrees above zero. Passing over the continent, it reaches the central portion of the European USSR at a temperature of about 2-5 degrees above zero and West Siberia at about zero.(1)

Yesterday's temperatures in Leningrad were zero during both the morning and day. Yesterday morning, temperatures were -13 degrees on Dikson Island, -7 in Kuybyshev, -3 in Minsk and Stalingrad, zero in Moscow, 1 degree above zero in Arkhangel'sk, 2 degrees in Tallin and Riga, 3 in Ashkhabad, 4 in Sochi, and 6 in Odessa.(2)

29 December

Temperatures at 0900 this morning were -9 in Murmansk, -6 in Saratov, Stalingrad, Pyatigorsk, -5 in Ust'-Tsil'ma, Kuybyshev, and Astrakhan', -4 in Ufa, -3 in Arkhangel'sk, Vologda, and Sverdlovsk, -2 in Kirov and Voronezh, -1 in Orel and Kiev, zero in Smolensk, Gor'kiy, and Khar'kov, 1 degree above zero in Tallin Leningrad, Minsk, Odessa, and Rostov, 2 degrees in Riga, 3 in Yalta, and 4 in Sochi.

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was zero; it was 2 degrees above zero at noon today.(1)

Yesterday morning, temperatures were -9 in Novosibirsk, -5 in Murmansk, -4 in Nar'yan-Mar, -3 in Sverdlovsk, -2 in Tashkent, zero in Vil'nyus, Gor'kiy, and Arkhangel'sk, 1 degree above zero in Moscow and Kiev, 2 degrees in Tallin, 3 in Ashkhabad, 4 in Sevastopol', and 6 in Sochi.

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Yesterday's temperatures in Leningrad were 1 degree above zero during the morning, 2 degrees above zero during the day.(2)

31 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 1 degree below zero; it was 2 degrees below zero at noon today.(1)

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